## Paul Memorial Library Newfields, New Hampshire Board of Trustees Minutes June 25, 2008

Present: Larry Arend, Trustee; Peter Allen, Trustee; Kim Crisp, Trustee; Marianne Klemarczyk, President, Friends of the Library.

Absent: Rachel Priest, Librarian.

Larry Arend called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Peter reported that everything was in order for the library to pay bills online. He noted that the library account at Ocean National Bank has not yet been closed.

## **Board of Trustees General Discussion:**

Larry reported that the installation of French drains in the backyard was completed. Peter will pay the balance owed for the work to Mark McDonnell of Sandbox Excavation. The backyard needs to be seeded. Peter offered to investigate the cost of hydro seeding the area.

Larry noted the next phase for the improvement of the basement is the purchase of a dehumidifier. He will investigate the cost of a dehumidifier and pass on the information to the board.

The board discussed the option of constructing a parking lot. Much of the discussion focused on the cost return value of spending money on a parking lot versus spending money on replacing the windows in the library, particularly given the rising cost of heating fuel and the inefficient performance of the current windows.

Peter suggested we obtain a quote for the cost of constructing a parking lot.

Marianne asked if the FOL could go ahead and purchase arbor vitae to plant along the fence. The board also discussed other possible vegetation for the area along the fence to create a visual and noise barrier such as Rosa Regosa. Marianne is gong to investigate the cost of vegetation.

Larry noted that Rachel can't find high efficiency replacement light bulbs for the sockets in the ceilings. We will revisit the light bulb search when Rachel returns from her vacation.

Larry reported that the Martins are investigating gazebos and will contact us when they are ready to purchase one.

Marianne reported that the Friends of the Library would like to schedule the Dennis Robinson lecture in October. Kim will contact Dennis to check his availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Paul Memorial Library Board of Trustees is Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly E. Crisp Board Secretary